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H5623 Opposed

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Dear Chair Donovan and Honorable Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony opposing House bill 5623.

My name is Lise Faulise, resident of North Kingstown and small business owner in East Providence. I am an Occupational Therapist Practitioner of 39 years working here in RI in pediatrics.

I am writing today in opposition to the prior authorization bill H5623 for the following reasons:

Currently in most pediatric settings, rarely is pre-authorization needed. I am afraid that this will set a precedent for all commercial and non-commercial health insurances to begin limiting the number of visits for our clients as a result of this bill.

I also believe that this bill is poorly written, and is not enforceable on many levels. Additionally, the clinical decision making aspect of our occupational therapy profession is overlooked by restricting or dictating how many visits or frequency of visits is necessary. These decisions are made by medical professionals not "for profit" commercial companies. This is setting a dangerous trend in the insurance industry.

Please do not pass H5623 with its potential negative impacts on my clients and my profession.

Sincerely,

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